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CHARLESTON, IL--STEVE ROWE OF CHICAGO SOUTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL has become the third Eastern Illinois University basketball recruit to sign a national letter of intent.

ROWE, a 6-1 point guard, joins a former teammate, MARK FOWLER of DODGE CITY, KS CC, and BARRY JOHNSON OF NORMAL UNIVERSITY HS on the EIU squad.

ROWE was a three year starter for Coach Don Pittman at South Shore leading the Tars to the semifinals of the Chicago Public School. Coming back from an injury he averaged 17 points, six rebounds and four assists during the last 15 games.

He was an all-city, all-section and all-conference player in the Public League's Red South Division, team co-captain and MVP his junior and senior seasons.

"He is a super tough player who is very intelligent. . . the type who hits the floor for loose balls," says PITTMAN. "He penetrates well. He's a scorer, not necessarily a shooter, but a scorer.

"I think it's a wise decision for Eastern to take both STEVE and MARK FOWLER (1985 South Shore graduate). They're not what the public perceives as typical Public League players . . .you know, running and gunning and scoring," Pittman said, emphatically.

"They are both very intelligent, take direction well and have that mental toughness . . .a coach's type of player."

EIU COACH RICK SAMUELS echoes PITTMAN'S statements. "I personally saw South Shore's upset victory over Simeon in the Public League tournament, and was very impressed with STEVE'S leadership and competitiveness.

"He makes excellent decisions with the ball, and played for one of the most solid high school programs in the country, both athletically and academically."



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CHARLESTON, IL (April 14, 1987) - The Eastern Illinois University track team will warm up for the AMCU-8 Conference meet this weekend as they host the EIU Invitational sponsored by Black and Co/Converse.

The Panthers are coming off an impressive showing in the Dogwood Relays last weekend. "We're going to use this meet to help us formulate a lineup for the conference meet," said Eastern head coach Neil Moore. "This will also help us make some final decisions on relay teams for the Drake Relays next weekend."

Expected to lead Eastern will be junior middle-distance runner Jim Maton (SHELBYVILLE). Last weekend in the Dogwood Relays, Maton captured first place in the 800m run with a time of 1:49.25. To qualify for the NCAA National Track Meet, Maton must run a time of 1:48.10 or better.

"Tentatively, Jim will be running the mile relay, 1500m and the 800m this weekend," Moore said. "He has been accepted to run the 800m Open at the Drake Relays, which is a great honor," said Moore. "That is a very prestigious race."

This weekend's Invitational will include approximately 13 teams, according to Moore. "There's going to be a high turnout of junior colleges, which makes me happy because we have been recruiting from junior colleges," said Moore.

The teams that will provide the most competition for the Panthers will be Butler, Augustana, and Western Illinois.

Other schools competing will be Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Lewis University, Harper Junior College, Washington University, Milwaukee Tech, Lincolnland JC, DePaul, and the College of DuPage.